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SUBJ: OAS SPECIAL COMMITTEE: WRAPUP OF JUNE 25 AFTERNOON EVENTS

FROM USDEL TO OAS

1. HONDURAS, MEXICO AND U. S. SPOKE AT AFTERNOON SESSION ON JUNE 25; HONDURAS, IN BRIEF STATEMENT, CHARACTERIZED MAJOR PROBLEM WITH INTER- AMERICAN SYSTEM AS HAVING TO DO WITH FACT CERTAIN PRINCIPLES IN CHARTER ARE NOT BEING IMPLEMENTED BECAUSE OF LACK OF POLITICAL WILL. HONDURAS WAS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN STRENGTHENING COLLECTIVE SECURITY AND PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES. IT HAD SEEN HOW EASILY THE RIO TREATY AND PACT OF BOGOTA COULD BE VIOLATED. FINALLY, HONDURAS OBSERVED THAT WHILE THE NATIONS OF THE HEMISPHERE SHOULD NOT FEAR

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CHANGE, NEITHER SHOULD THEY MAKE A FETISH OUT OF IT.

2. MEXICO BEGAN BY SAYING THAT JUST AT THE TIME THE INTER- AMERICAN SYSTEM IS GENUINELY BECOMING A FORUM FOR DIVERSE IDEAS AND HEALTHY SELF- ANALYSIS, SOME VOICES CALL FOR ITS ABOLITION. MEXICO, HOWEVER, FEELS THAT WE SHOULD NOT ABANDON THIS FRAMEWORK. IMPROVEMENT, BASED ON PRAGMATIC STUDY, CAN BE MADE. THE CONTINUANCE OF THE OAS IS NOT AN OBSTACLE TO STRICTLY LATIN FORUMS (CECLA).

3. MEXICO SPOKE OF THE HISTORY OF THE INTER- AMERICAN SYSTEM AND THE MONROE DOCTRINE AND ITS " DANGEROUS COROLLARIES" BUT SAID THAT OVER TIME IT HAD EVOLVED AWAY FROM BEING A SIMPLE INSTRUMENT OF NORTH AMERICAN COMMERCIAL UTILITY INTO ONE THAT ALSO CONSECRATED THE PRINCIPLES OF NON- INTERVENTION AND SELF- DETERMINATION. IT WAS NOT NECESSARY TO CHANGE THE CHARTER, BUT ONLY TO FREE OURSELVES OF CERTAIN INCORRECT INTERPRETATIONS, AND HERE HE CITED THE COMINICAN INTERVENTION. RECOGNITION OF IDEOLOGICAL PLURALISM AND THE INSTITUTION OF A DYNAMIC SYSTEM OF ECOOMIC COOPERATION, EVEN IF THE LATTER WERE GRADUAL AND LIMITED FOR THE MOMENT, WOULD PERHAPS SAVE THE SYSTEM.

4. HOWEVER, THE RIO TREATY MUST BE REFORMED TO ELIMINATE THE CONFUSION BETWEEN THE CONCEPT OF AGGRESSION AND INTERVENTION FOUND IN ARTICLES SIX AND NINE. IT WOULD BE WISE TO EMPHASIZE IN ARTICLE SEVEN THE OBLIGATION TO LOOK FOR FRATERNAL AVENUES OF RECONCILIATION BEFORE UNDERTAKING COERCIVE MEASURES. (MEXICO CITED THE ACTIONS TAKEN DURING THE HONDURAS/ SALVADOR HOSTILITIES AS A FRUITFUL EXAMPLE.) THE TREATY MUST BE CHANGED SO THAT THE CONTINUANCE OF A TWO- THIRDS MAJORITY IS REQUIRED TO MAINTAIN SANCTIONS RATHER THAN THE PRESENT CASE WHERE A MINORITY OF ONE- THIRD CAN BLOCK THEIR BEING LIFTED. FINALLY, THE TREATY MUST BE CHANGED TO ALLOW FOR THE SOVEREIGN RIGHT OF ANY STATE TO CHOOSE, INSTEAD OF THE INTER- AMERICAN SYSTEM, THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY OR SECURITY COUNCIL AS THE FORUM TO WHICH IT SUBMITS CONTROVERSIES.

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5. MEXICO SUGGESTED THAT THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE WAS NOT THE APPROPRIATE FORUM FOR A PROFOUND CONSIDERATION OF REFORM OF THE INTER- AMERICAN BANK AND THAT SUCH A STUDY SHOULD BE CARRIED ON BUT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE APPROPRIATE PROCEDURES. HE CALLED FOR THE INTER- AMERICAN SYSTEM TO GIVE NEW LIFE TO CECON.

6. FULL TEXT OF MR. KUBISCH'S REMARKS WAS SENT SEPTEL.
FIRST REACTIONS FROM A NUMBER OF DELEGATIONS WERE
QUITE GOOD, WITH GENERAL CONSENSUS BEING THAT IT WAS
CONSTRUCTIVE, POSITIVE AND STRUCK THE RIGHT TONE.
WILL REPORT FURTHER AFTER DELEGATIONS HAVE HAD TIME
TO STUDY THE REMARKS. BELCHER UNQUOTE ROGERS

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